

Georgia Department of Human Resources

The Georgia Family Planning Program

The Georgia Family Planning Program (GFPP) offers health education, health care and family planning to help women and men stay healthy and have healthy babies. GFPP includes nonprofit agencies and public health departments in every Georgia county who work together to make affordable family planning services available to all Georgians. The program's direct family planning services are supported by Title X federal funds and state funds.

- In 2000 the Georgia Family Planning Program served 178,964 Georgia residents, of whom 171,342 were women. Services included taking a medical history; physical exams; blood pressure checks; blood and urine tests; immunization for adults and children; education about smoking, alcohol and nutrition; and screening for cancer and sexually transmitted diseases, as well as birth control counseling and supplies.
- Eighty-six percent of the women served by the GFPP are working poor or unemployed – 150 percent of the federal poverty level or less. Thirty-seven percent have Medicaid, but most have no health insurance. Family planning health programs provide many of these women with their only source of primary health care.
- Without family planning, these women would have an estimated 48,000 additional births each year.
- Currently, GFPP serves only 60 percent of all women who are considered "in need" – those who have an income of 150 percent of the federal poverty level or less and are at risk of unintended pregnancy.
- The FY 2003 budget for family planning is \$20.9 million, including \$10.6 million state funds (51 percent), \$7.3 million federal funds, and \$3 million patient fees. Federal funding is based on the number of women "in need" served each year.
- No state or federal family planning funds pay for elective abortions.

For more information, contact your county health department or the Powerline at 1-800-822-2539.